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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 5 and ending at page 9, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0029] The employment of the roller, which feeds the document sheet is such that the extra roller 30, rotatable in either direction is arranged between the temporary outlet 8b and the document discharging port 8c, and the second pressure roller 32 and the first ~~extra~~ pressure roller 31 are arranged to have contacts at the document feeding path R3 and R1, on both the top and the bottom of the extra roller 30. The nip between the extra roller 30 and the first pressure roller 31 in the first document feeding path R1 is to be E, the nip between the extra roller 30 and the second pressure roller 32 in the third document feeding path R3 is to be F.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 3 and ending at page 19, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0071] The first page of the document sheet is fed by the resist roller 24 and the resist follow roller 25, the first feed roller 26 and the first slave roller 27, and the second feed roller 28 and the second slave roller 29, and when the upper end of the first page of the document sheet is detected by the second position detecting sensor 45 (step S19), the control signal is output from the controller 40 to the elevating mechanism 49 of the first pressure roller 31, the elevating mechanism 49 descends the first pressure roller 31 and separates the extra roller 30 and the first pressure roller 32 31(step S20).

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 17 and ending at page 19, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0073] The extra roller 30 is rotated clockwise (in Fig. 6, counterclockwise) (step 822), the first pressure roller 31 is elevated, and the extra roller 30 and the first pressure roller ~~32~~ 31 are nipped again (step 823). When the passing of the lower end of the first page of the document sheet is detected by the first position detecting sensor 44 in the controller 40, the second rotating step is measured by the step control of the driving source 41, and after the second rotating step is reached (step 824), the reading of the reverse side of the first page of the document sheet completes (step 825).